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Minute No. 650
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - September 11, 2006

Item No. 1 **Waiver of Fees for Rental of Sherbrook Pool - Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club**
File PR-2.10

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That the fees and charges in the amount of $16,000.00, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2006 - 2007, be waived.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 11, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that the fees and charges in the amount of $16,000.00, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2006 - 2007, be waived, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 28, 2005, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and waived the fees and charges in the amount of $16,000.00, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2005 - 2006.

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10 July 2006

Protection and Community Committee
City of Winnipeg

Dear Councilors

As President of the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club Inc., I am approaching your committee to once again request a fee waiver for pool and staff costs at the Sherbrook Pool for our 2006-2007 swim season (September 15, 2006 – June 2007). Please find enclosed a budget for the season.

I would just like to inform you that the people involved in the operation of the swim club are all volunteers and their participation accounts for approximately 2,000 volunteer hours per season. This pattern of active volunteer participation has continued from the club's startup in December of 1994, and we anticipate even more community involvement over the next years as the club transitions this coming year to an active parent Board of Directors. We are thrilled to maintain the support of Brandee Froese, whose vision founded the club twelve years ago.

Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club introduces the sport to children who, for various reasons (e.g. culture, social & economic reasons), would have not been able to access a competitive swimming program. Without the support of council over the past number of years, this valuable program would not have been able to exist.

The coaches, children and their parents join me in thanking you for your contribution to the Sherbrook Sharks. You have made a difference by supporting our program in these past years. I look forward to seeing you at your first meeting in the fall.

Yours sincerely

Randy Conway
President

Sharon Jones-Ryan
President-Elect

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Budget 2006-2007

Pool Rental (10 months @ approximately $1,600 per month)	$16,000.00
Swim Meets (12 meets @ approximately $500 per meet)	6,000.00
Competitive Registration Fees (20 children @ $100 each)	2,000.00
Pre-competitive Fees (15 children @ $14 each)	210.00
Special Out-of-town Swim Meets (approximately 8 per year)	6,400.00
Administration (Office supplies, postage, etc.)	500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	$31,000.00

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INCOME

Swim-a-thon	$ 800.00
Tag Day	1,000.00
Private Donations	3,500.00
Pool Rental Waiver **	16,000.00
TOTAL POTENTIAL INCOME	$21,300.00

**Pending approval of City Council

Please note that all totals are estimated and vary from year to year.

ESTIMATED SHORTFALL FOR 2006-2007 SEASON $9,810.00

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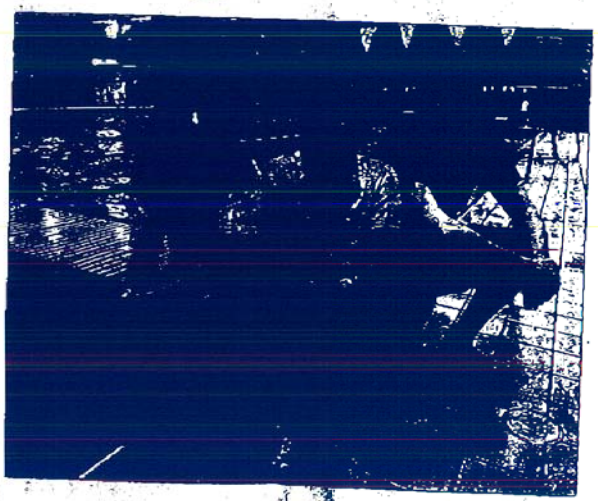
Young Marlins can swim, and they know it



Swimmers Luella Ocon (from left), Karyl Clarete with coach Ian Grunewald.

By Martin Zeilig

KARYL CLARETE is "not really surprised" that she's the top-ranked swimmer in Canada in her age group.

She's not bragging — just being honest.

"I've been training really hard at the Pan Am Pool," said the 5-foot-1, 75-pound Grade 5 student from Prairie Rose Elementary School following a recent session in the pool.

Although she swims with the Manitoba Marlins now, the 10-year-old got her start in the pool with the Sherbrook Sharks — an inner-city swim club coached by former Marlin Brandee Froese.

"We work very closely with Brandee," said Ian Grunewald, assistant head coach of the Marlins.

"She started the Sharks because she wanted to see more inner-city kids involved in swimming, and she's done a fabulous job producing talented athletes. She's a natural at teaching them proper technique. There are some swimmers she has who decide that they'd like to compete at a high level, and Brandee doesn't have the pool time because she and her entire staff are volunteers and the city donates the pool space."

So, some of those young athletes will receive extra training on Saturday mornings with the Marlins. Meanwhile, other swimmers, like Clarete and her former Shark teammate, Luella Ocon, 13, who's also nationally ranked in her age group, make the switch full-time to the Marlins, said Grunewald.

"Luella was the first swimmer to officially register with us from the Sharks, and she very quickly went up the ladder in provincial and national rankings," he said.

Luella set the 100-metre breast stroke record at the 2005 Crocus Classic Swim Meet, and the 50-metre record in breast stroke at the 2005 Prairie Winter Invitational at the Pan Am.

"My goal now is to get the Western National Standard and swim with Canada's top swimmers in the 15 and under (category)," said the 5-foot-2, 109-pound Grade 8 student from General Wolfe School, adding she's been with the Marlins for the past three and a half years.

The Marlins head coach, Pal Temesvari, is "quite excited" about Karyl because she has a natural feel for the water, said Grunewald.

"As coaches, that's what we're looking for in our swimmers. When she's in the water, you can see a natural ability to pull water with a kick. She's just a natural swimmer. This makes it a lot easier to coach," he said.

"Luella is an up-and-coming breaststroker. She's matured and has had to adjust to her body, so her other strokes have greatly improved. With time, her breaststroke will return."

Gunewald hopes to strengthen the relationship between the two swim clubs.

"If the Sharks didn't exist, competitive swimming would lose the opportunity to see these talented athletes who are coming from Winnipeg's inner-city club," he said.

Karyl is appreciative of the enhanced training she receives since making the switch to the Marlins.

"Ian watches carefully to make sure we're doing the right things, like not breathing off turns and starts," she said.

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